containing scraps were lying at Mumbai Port. Out of the above containers, the concerned consignees have not approached the Customs for clearance in case of 154 containers. For the balance 48 containers, the formalities for examination and delivery are in progress.

(b) and (c) Total 202 containers containing scrap are reportedly lying in Mumbai Port, break-up is as under.

More than 5 months	19
More than 4 months but less than 5 months	30
More than 3 months but less than 4 months	5
More than 2 months but less than 3 months	33
More than 1 month but less than 2 months	26
Less than 1 month	89
TOTAL:	202

(d) It is for the consignee/Shipping line to choose the port for delivery of cargo. It will not be desirable for the Government to make the user go to a particular port.

Bribe paid by bus and truck operators

†1814. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that truck and bus operators all over the country give crores of rupees every year as bribe to police, traffic police and other Government officials;

(b) the amount collected from these operators as taxes and duties by Government during this period;

(c) the loss of revenue incurred byGovernment every year in such cases due to laxed implementation; and

(d) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The matter comes under the purview of the State Governments. However, Government is aware that allegation of bribery in road transport have been levelled by

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

transport associations from time to time, usually in general terms without specific details.

(b) to (c) Levy/collection of road tax on motor vehicles falls under the purview of the State Government. The State Government does not deposit any part of the road tax with the Union Government.

Grading of Maritime Training Institutes in the country

1815. DR. MAM. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to meet the international benchmarks in quality, Government propose to make grading of Maritime Training Institutes in the country mandatory;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of recognized private Maritime Training Institutes in the country;

(d) the details of fake Maritime Training Institutes in the country; and

(e) the action taken by Government to spread the general awareness among general public about these fake Maritime Training Institutes?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As on date, there are 101 private maritime training institutes imparting Pre-sea/Post-sea training in the country recognized by the Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai.

(d) There are no fake maritime training institutes recognized by the Directorate General of Shipping. However, as and when any information/ complaint from public about fake maritime training institutes is received, appropriate action is taken in consultation with the concerned State Governments.

(e) To spread the general awareness among the public, the Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai displays in its website, the list of approved maritime training institutes together with the courses conducted by these institutes. The Directorate General of Shipping also displays in the website,